

NO SPARE CASH FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

Congress Is Not Expected to Make Any Appropriations Next Year.

MONEY FOR DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Simultaneously with the discovery by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress that Government engineers have recommended the abandonment of the expensive Missouri River and Arkansas River improvement projects comes an apparently authentic announcement that Congress will make no attempt to pass a river and harbor appropriation bill next year because of an expected heavy draft on the Treasury by a more ambitious military and naval programme.

Let by the Chamber of Commerce, an irate delegation of Kansas City citizens is coming to Washington early in October to protest before the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors against the decision of Col. DeKayne, the army engineer stationed at Kansas City, who condemned the Missouri River as a profitable investment for Government funds.

A new movement has been inaugurated to relieve the Army Corps of Engineers of the authority to sanction or disapprove river improvement and place it in the hands of a commission of "practical business men."

This movement is led by Senator Jim Reed of Missouri and those advocating it, including some eighteen House members, expect that the commission members will be so practical that they will not do anything they would their jobs and in doing so improve project that has a gain of plausibility in it.

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ANOTHER AMERICAN HELD FOR RANSOM IN MEXICO

Spurn Villa Money and Send His Companions to El Paso With News—Second Prisoner Released When \$2,000 Is Paid—Villa Cause Failing.

LEANS TO SUBMARINES

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 12.—Edward Ledwidge, manager of the commissary department of the Mexican Western Railway, property of the late Dr. F. S. Pearson and associates, is held a prisoner by Mexicans in southwestern Chihuahua. He was seized yesterday near Casas Grandes with two other Americans, who were later released. They reached the border and gave the news of his capture. Officials of the railroad have raised a sum of money and sent it south to secure the man's release.

Two thousand dollars were demanded from Ledwidge, and he gave the bank check for that amount. He was released, but they built a bonfire of it and laughed at him. The bandits are supposed to be part of the same organization that last night arrested John Lowenbruck and Lanning Bacon south of Columbus, N. M., and held Lowenbruck for a \$2,000 ransom. The money was sent to El Paso to-day. Villa troops have been sent after the band, but it is feared that if attacked they will execute the Americans.

News which reached here from the South to-day confirmed telegrams received last night by Alberto Madero to the effect that Francisco Villa, who had been killed in his fight against Gen. Tomas Urbina, his former lieutenant, in Juarez to-day it was said that "it was Gen. Urbina who was killed because Gen. Villa had telegraphed from Torreon that he was back and had 'accomplished his mission.' Gen. Rodolfo Fierro, Villa's chief of staff, had been wounded." Villa's executioners, however, were official.

An exodus of Americans from Chihuahua City is expected by United States officials here within the next few days. Officials believe that Villa is preparing to leave Torreon and make his stand at Chihuahua and Chihuahua.

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BURTON PACIFIST, LEANS TO SUBMARINES

Ex-Senator and Presidential Aspirant Favors Building 4 Dreadnoughts a Year.

LEANS TO SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Ex-Senator Burton of Ohio, who is in the public eye as a candidate for the Presidency, has put himself squarely on record in favor of "adequate national defense."

OBREGON WINS PAREDON.

Mexico City Looks for Fall of Torreon, Villa Stronghold.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MEXICO CITY, Sept. 12.—Official announcement was made to-day that the Constitutional forces under Gen. Obregon had captured Paredon, on the railway leading from Monterrey to Torreon. It was added that this will enable the Carranzistas to move troops with expedition against the latter town, still held by Villa's forces.

The merchants and weavers in Pueblo, within the Federal district, have been ordered to stop doing cotton goods from Torreon as soon as the city is taken on special trains in order to open up the mills which are now idle.

They will give employment to 40,000 workers in the textile factories in the southern portion of the republic and will render unnecessary the further importation of American cotton by the way of Vera Cruz.

The weavers say that owing to the lack of German dyes the mills for an indefinite time will be compelled to turn out cheaply made fabrics in two or three simple colors, which are presently on hand.

These, however, are becoming scarce and may compel the manufacturers to reduce their output to white materials only.

The statement is made that this year's cotton in the Torreon district will aggregate 200,000 bales, but that much of it will be lost in storage.

A further official announcement is made to-day that the Zapatistas, who have been besieging San Andres and Chalchicomula, in the State of Puebla, on the line of the Mexican Railway, have been definitely repulsed and have fled to the mountains.

MEXICO STILL CHAOTIC.

Japanese Envoy to War Ridden Republic Here for Rest.

Worn out by the strain of carrying on diplomatic relations with a country which is, as he expressed it, a "land of confusion," the Japanese ambassador, M. Arai, who arrived in Mexico yesterday aboard the Ward Line steamer, Mexico, on a leave of absence for recuperation.

Mr. Arai, who has been in Mexico for two years, was secretary of the Japanese legation during the war, and concluded the Russo-Japanese war. He said that conditions in Mexico, especially in Mexico City and the surrounding towns, are chaotic. The charges of fraud against the Japanese government have been compounded to unite in a protective working organization. In spite of the fact that their own nations are at war, they have been asked to assist the government of Mexico in the face of the alarming state of affairs at their post.

Mr. Arai said that starvation, looting, and disorder are common and that during the time of his stay in Mexico he has seen the results of the war. He expects to return to his post in about four months.

PLATTSBURG ROOKIES SPEND QUIET SUNDAY

Men Recupereate From Strenuous Duties, but Trench Digging Is Still to Come.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 12.—The first Sunday of the second business men's camp was a day of rest. Although there was no compulsory duty to perform many of the "rookies" were busy with voluntary work during the greater part of the afternoon. A number of the men spent several hours on the sub-caliber galleries shooting at short range targets. Others put in the afternoon at drill under non-commissioned officers of the regular army. They made excellent progress in marching and handling of the rifle.

After retreat this evening the band of the Second Cavalry gave a concert at the head of L. company street. A number of the student soldiers and regulars later in the evening attended religious services in the auditorium tent on the camp grounds. Rev. R. D. Wood, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, conducted the service.

Gen. Leonard Wood is expected here tomorrow to remain during the greater part of the time the camp is in progress. Gen. Wood has extended invitations to many men of prominence to visit and inspect the camp, and some of them have accepted.

A complimentary concert in honor of Col. Frank B. McCoy, commanding the First Brigade, First Division, will be given by the "rookies" on their program. The concert will be given by the Third Field Artillery and Company D of the Engineer Corps, which will be held in this city to assist in the trench digging of the student soldiers. They will be with the "rookies" on their program, which begins September 29 and continues until October 6.

REMOVAL MEANS LOST VOTE.

Electors Cannot Change Primary Districts After Registration.

ALBANY, Sept. 12.—In response to requests from members of the State for the determination of the status of voters who have moved from one primary district to another following their registration, Attorney-General Robert E. Wood, today has rendered an opinion that a voter who has thus removed cannot cast a ballot at the primaries in either his old or the new district.

In the same opinion the Attorney-General holds that the voter who changes his residence but does not move out of the primary district in which he is enrolled may still vote at the coming primaries.

CLEARY CASE UP AGAIN.

Attorney-General Names Man to Prosecute Haverstraw People.

ALBANY, Sept. 12.—Attorney-General Woodbury, at the request of Gov. Whitman, has designated a deputy Attorney-General, Wilbur W. Chambers, to conduct the prosecution of the Haverstraw case, which is now pending against the Haverstraw people, indicted as a result of investigations of the Cleary murder trial.

The indicted are William V. Cleary, Town Clerk, Jonathan T. Feltner, Bernard Fox, Harry Hughes and William Sebold.

District Attorney George Rockland county personally requested the Governor to have a special deputy Attorney-General named to supersede him. Chambers was named against Mr. Gagan as a result of his conduct in the Haverstraw case, charged with shooting his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman, to death.

The Supreme Court term begins tomorrow in Haverstraw and it is expected that Mr. Chambers will move some of the cases for immediate trial.

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

Andrew Murray Hunt, born in Sioux City, Iowa, and a graduate of the Annapolis Academy in 1875, was chosen because of his ability as an engineer. He is the head of a corporation in New York City that was organized for general consulting engineering work.

Alfred Craven of New York City is the son of Rear Admiral Thomas A. Craven and a graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy in the class of 1867. Since May, 1900, Mr. Craven has been in charge of New York subway work.

Matthew Bacon Sellers of Baltimore is a graduate of Harvard, and has served in the United States Army in Germany and in France. According to the Navy Department statement, "he has been actively engaged in aeronautical practical experience in various industrial plants of the United States and has made a special study of the properties of refined copper."

Joseph William Richards of South Bethlehem, Pa., is the author of many works on metallurgy and electro-metallurgy. His higher scientific education was obtained at Heidelberg and he has served as professor of metallurgy at Lehigh University and professor of electro-chemistry at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.

Lawrence Addicks of Philadelphia received his education at Spring Garden Institute, Philadelphia, and the University of Pennsylvania. He has had long practical experience in various industrial plants of the United States and has made a special study of the properties of refined copper.

William Leroy Emmet is a descendant of the Irish patriot, Robert Emmet who was hanged in Dublin in 1803. He was a midshipman at Annapolis in 1888 and served in the navy as a printing machine operator during the Spanish-American war. He has achieved a high rank as an electrical engineer and an inventor and has obtained many patents for inventions in electricity, mechanics and thermodynamics.

Spencer Miller, engineer and inventor, was born at Waukegan, Ill., in 1859, and studied at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Amherst College. He is regarded as an expert relating to the practical side of sanitation.

Henry Alexander W. Wood of New York is a manufacturer of printing machinery and is the inventor of an important newspaper printing and folding machine. He has devoted many years to the development of the printing machine, according to the biographical sketch given out by the Navy Department.

Elmer A. Sperry was born at Cortland, N. Y., in 1880. His inventions in the field of electrical engineering, according to the Navy Department statement, "cover a wide range of applications to the development of the mechanical branch of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, whose work, beginning about ten years ago, resulted in placing the American automobile on a meritorious worldwide basis."

Howard E. Coffin and Andrew L. Riker, past presidents of the society, were chosen as the representatives of the automobile industry on the board. Secretary Daniels said concerning the nominees: "Mr. Riker and Mr. Coffin were the directing officials of the mechanical branch of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, whose work, beginning about ten years ago, resulted in placing the American automobile on a meritorious worldwide basis."

On the other hand, the conflict in Europe may be decisive, and the world will be thoroughly sick of it, and an era of great peace may prevail and nations may decide that the government that does not make decisions. This, of course, would be just of all. After the Thirty Years War the beginnings of international law came. After Napoleon there was peace for a long term of years.

"So by a study of the analogies of other wars it is seen that there may be a period of peace, and I accept the world, but the possibilities are serious. I am not a prophet, but I am to say so, I better for the present war to be fought to a finish."

"If there is no decisive result, the armies may go home and prepare all over again for the finish fight, and the world will see heavier armaments than ever."

"So I say that steps must be taken for an adequate defense, for whatever defense is proper to protect our nation. We have millions of men and should not be in a position to be taken by surprise. We must have a program for armies and navies. I would not attempt to say offhand, but I do believe in a well balanced navy. Our country is a rich one, and we should not be so foolish that to allow its coasts to be so weakly guarded as to attract the possible armed forces of the world. We must have a navy that will seek for brighter fields of action. The European countries have been devastated."

"No particular interest in our national life should have the control of the question of preparedness. The General public should have the control of the people should decide this."

"We ought not to be influenced or alarmed so as to put ourselves on the level of Europe, but a rational degree of preparedness is necessary."

Mr. Burton was asked whether or not he had given any thought to the details of preparedness. He replied that he could not discuss them at present, but he believed some day it might be necessary to discuss them. He said something like the Swiss system, in which all male citizens receive military training. He said he did not advocate this at all, but merely mentioned it as a possibility in case the whole world war amuck after this war.

Effect Upon Government. Speaking of the possible effect of the war on popular government, Mr. Burton said:

"Since the beginning of this century there have been the greatest steps in history in the way of advancing toward democracy. Take the establishment of the Russian Duma, the Young Turk movement, the republic in China; then on comes this war, which is a reaction toward absolute monarchy."

"There may be a wave of feeling that popular forms of government are not capable of handling great military problems, and it may be that preparedness for war may be an answer. Perhaps if we can show ourselves prepared for war this danger would be lessened. These are all interesting questions. I do not predict, I merely mention them as part of the possibilities against which we should be prepared."

As a result of an automobile collision occurring between Great Kills and Bay Terrace on Amboy road, Staten Island, last evening five Brooklyn people, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Cozzens of 1025 East Sixteenth street, and Mr. and Mrs. George J. Barton and their eleven-year-old son of 1077 Flatbush avenue, were seriously injured and probably die.

At six o'clock yesterday morning a large car driven by Mr. William W. Pintney, chauffeur for S. H. Holman, head of the Holman Silk Manufacturing Company of 345 Fourth avenue, ran into a tree on the Merrick road near the power house of the New York and Long Island Traction Company at Rockville Centre, L. I., and was overturned and wrecked.

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